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Applicant(s): H. George Brennan	)	
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Filed: 1/5/04	)	Examiner: K. M. Reichle
Title: Absorbable Surgical Sponge	)	GAU: 3761
Docket No.: 03BRE1	)	

December 5, 2005  
Santa Barbara, CA

**AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
**VIA FAX: 571-273-8300**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 9/6/05, which response is due on 12/6/05, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Kindly amend the claims as indicated on the immediately following page.